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1. The symptoms of diseased cattle in East Germany as reported by two East German veterinarians confirm the belief that the cattle disease reported in East Germany is rinderpest. The areas affected are reported to be Leipzig, Mecklenburg, and Altmark. The East German official diagnosis is infectious gastroenteritis. 25X1
2. Manninger of Budapest, and Angelov of Sofia are in the area. They and Dobberstein of East Berlin agree that the entity is a virus disease but is not rinderpest. 25X1
3. officially the disease has not been recognized as rinderpest, because of the consequent political implications of the necessity of restricting East-West traffic, if the disease were officially declared to be rinderpest. 25X1

Comment: The Berlin telephone directory for 1953 lists a Dr. Helmut Dobberstein, GP, Manetstrasse 76, East Berlin.

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